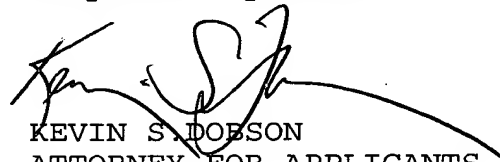


this process was disclosed in the parent case (Lee) but was not claimed as such. The prior disclosure entitles the Applicants to claim the subject matter and get the benefit of the earlier filing date for this claim. Coextrusion cast films were not embraced by Lee. The Applicants have decoupled the blown film claim from the claims that are dependent upon information added in the present application. The Applicants believe that this claim is neither anticipated nor made obvious by the art cited. The claim should not require a new search since the subject matter is not new to this application.

The Applicants reiterate that the rapid film fabrication process of the present invention is not embraced by Hughes, nor is the product obtained therefrom. In our interview of October 2, the Applicants pointed out that the films obtained according to the process of the present invention would be discernibly different from films obtained by other processes, including those described in the cited art. For example, the orientation of the films will differ depending on the process used. There are also significant differences in the clarity and peel strength, for example, depending on the process used to prepare the film.

The Applicants believe that this amendment, when taken together with the comments made in the response mailed on September 4, 2001, should merit allowance of the pending claims. The Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-21 be withdrawn, and instead a Notice of Allowance for these claims be issued.

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APPENDIX  
CLAIM AMENDMENTS

15. (amended) A coextrusion blown film comprising at least one structural layer, at least one adhesive layer and optionally at least one barrier layer, the blown film obtained by a film fabrication process wherein the process time is 12 seconds or less, and wherein the adhesive composition comprises:

a) a polyethylene selected from the group consisting of conventional-HDPE, conventional-MDPE, conventional-LLDPE, conventional-VLDPE, LDPE, and a blend of any of these five,

b) from 5 to 35 weight percent, based on the total weight of a) plus b) plus c), of an acid-grafted substantially linear polyethylene, c) optionally up to 30 weight percent of a hydrocarbon elastomer,

the acid grafting agent being an unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative, and the level of grafting being such that the total amount of grafting agent in the total composition a) plus b) plus c) is from 0.01 to 3 weight percent.